

REMARKS

In this paper, claim 1 is currently amended. After entry of the above amendment, claims 1-4 and 6-29 are pending, and claim 5 has been canceled.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was submitted and received in the PTO on April 6, 2004, but it was not acknowledged in any of the office actions so far. If that IDS is not in the PTO file when the examiner considers this amendment, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned so that a duplicate copy may be provided.

The applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 6 and 11-29.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tatsuhiko (JP 4-368,290) in view of Turner (US 6,296,072) and Shimizu (JP 6-217,338). This basis for rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the light sensor senses brightness and that the display control element selectively changes at least one of a hue or a color saturation of a backlight in response to brightness in accordance with the signals from the light sensor. Tatsuhiko discloses a bicycle speedometer wherein an illuminating lamp is turned on or off in response to signals from a light sensor. Turner discloses an LCD display that displays various types of information. Shimizu detects ambient color and changes hue or saturation so that the viewer will perceive the correct color. None of the references disclose or suggest changing at least one of a hue or a color saturation of a backlight in response to brightness.

Claims 2-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tatsuhiko in view of Turner, Shimizu and Weindorf, et al (US 6,563,479). This basis for rejection is respectfully traversed.

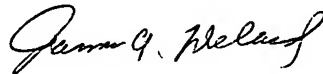
As noted above, claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the display control element selectively changes at least one of a hue or a color saturation of a backlight in response to brightness. Weindorf, et al teaches a display device wherein luminance may be adjusted based on ambient

brightness. However, none of the references disclose or suggest changing at least one of a hue or a color saturation of a backlight in response to brightness.

Claims 7-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tatsuhiko in view of Weindorf, et al, Shimizu and Turner. This basis for rejection is respectfully traversed for the same reasons noted above.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 have been overcome by the foregoing amendment and remarks, and it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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